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10 May 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. During February and March 1956, candidates for the position of Administrative Officer, Detachment B, were screened by [REDACTED]. It was finally decided that [REDACTED] would be the nominee of the Administrative Career Service for this position.

2. Project AQUATONE received advise from the Agency Medical Staff on 30 March that subject's medical record looked okay for such Project assignment, and we were advised by the Project Security Officer on the same date that assignment to the Project would be acceptable to the Security Office. We immediately requested [REDACTED] to arrange for the release of subject for utilization by the Project.

3. Subject had several talks with [REDACTED] and Cunningham and met the Detachment B Commanding Officer on 26 April 1956. On that date, we requested [REDACTED] to make every effort to spring subject for immediate assignment to the Project and we were again advised by [REDACTED] was working out the replacement problem.

4. On 8 May, we were advised by [REDACTED] that a replacement for subject had been accepted by the FE Branch involved and that subject would be available to the Project 1 June. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that nothing could be done to move this date up in spite of our reiteration of the urgent need for subject's services. [REDACTED] subsequently called [REDACTED] Personnel Officer/FE, and discussed the matter with [REDACTED] indicated that the Division was, of course, very unhappy at losing [REDACTED] and that the Branch Chief involved had insisted that [REDACTED] remain until 1 June to suitably train his replacement. We inquired as to the possibility of a half-day assignment to Project AQUATONE prior to 1 June in order that [REDACTED] might at least be somewhat oriented as soon as possible; [REDACTED] indicated that this would be impossible.

5. Inasmuch as Detachment B was activated at the [REDACTED] 7 May, with the majority of personnel already in place, we believe it imperative that [REDACTED] be assigned to the Project as soon as possible. It is expected that [REDACTED] would require at least two weeks in Project Headquarters for background orientation and actual review of Project administrative procedures and requirements before he could logically be expected to assume autonomous duties as the Detachment Administrative Officer in the field. During this time the Detachment will, of course, be without any civilian administrative support.

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2 - [REDACTED]
3 - Subj file [REDACTED]

Deputy Director of Administration